*Community Participation*

(i) Involvement of community at village level should be ensured while assessing the felt need identification of problem areas of sanitation coverage, choice of appropriate technology, motivation and social mobilisation, cost sharing for better utilisation, maintenance for sustained development etc.

(ii) NGOs can play a crucial role in supporting the community organisations.

(iii) The role of subsidy should be underplayed and for this purpose, alternate delivery mechanisms have to be supported.

*Role of Women*

Women participation in the programme should be ensured by encouraging sanitary facilities in all girls school, creating a cadre of women tors and organising awareness camps, training women as masons, using the Anganwadi infrastructure to motivate mothers, involving selected DWCRA groups to manufacture materials to be used in low cost sanitation and also managing sanitary marts; involving ANMs to promote the sanitation-health linkage; orienting the women members of Gram Panchayats on various sanitation, themes, formation of mothers' club to promote rural sanitation, making Mahila Mandals more effective channels of communications, etc.

**Sanitation facility for Rural Population**

1785. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding defecation in the open by rural population due to lack of proper sanitation facility;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard especially those in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tripura; and

(c) whether any programme for bringing sanitation facilities within the reach of the entire rural population has been worked out for implementation under the Eighth Five Year Plan, if so, the broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schemes will be implemented to provide sanitation facilities in rural areas during the Eighth Five Year Plan under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme with an estimated outlay of Rs. 294.23 crores.; Central Rural Sanitation Programme with outlay of Rs. 380 crores; as an integral part of Indra Aawas Yojana; as part of integrated rural water supply and sanitation projects funded with bilateral and multililateral assistance, etc. According to the 8th Five Year Plan, at the end of the Plan period, 5% of rural population (cumulative) is expected to be benefited with sanitaion facilities with Government programmes.

**Digging Wells in the Drought Stricken Regions**

1786. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to dig wells in the drought striken regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether the expert teams have visited the drought affected States to carry not detailed investigations as to how a large number of fresh wells have gone dry during the last three years;

(c) if so, the places visited by them and the findings thereof; and

(d) the other measures Government propose to take to help the drought affected areas in the country ?